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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Hassan S. Niknafs  
Art Unit : 1775  
Examiner : Xu, Ling X.  
Serial No. : 10/761,559  
Confirmation No. : 2859  
Filed : January 21, 2004  
For : CERAMIC PACKING ELEMENT FOR MASS  
TRANSFER APPLICATIONS

## RESPONSE A

## AMENDMENT UNDER 1.111

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated October 13, 2005, and with consideration to the Three Month Petition and Fee for Extension of Time (37 C.F.R. 1.136 [a]), please amend the specification and claims as follows: